

## RESOLUTION 8-2-09

### ***Resolution Authorizing a Referendum to Exceed State Imposed Tax Levy Limits in 2010 through 2014 and Authorizing a Fund Transfer for Referendum Election Expenses***

**WHEREAS**, the Green County Board of Supervisors does proclaim its continuing support for county ownership and operation of Pleasant View Nursing Home for so long as it is practical for the county to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has imposed limits on town, village, city and county property tax levies for 2010 under Wis. Stat. section 66.0602 of Wisconsin Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. section 66.0602 of Wisconsin Statutes limits the increase in 2010 to the local property tax levy to no more than 3% of last year's levy; and

**WHEREAS**, the current state budget as adopted allows a 3% increase (\$341,459) plus a "carryover" base increase of \$281,919 for a total increase of 5.48%; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance and Accounting Committee has determined that it may be necessary to levy up to an additional \$890,000 above the levy limit for each of the next five years for the financial well being and stability of Pleasant View Nursing Home; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 66.0602(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes allows a political subdivision to exceed the levy limit if the governing body adopts a resolution to that effect and if the resolution is approved in a referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance and Accounting Committee has determined that it is desirable and in the best interest of Green County to conduct a county-wide special referendum to determine whether the Green County taxpayers support the county exceeding the levy limit under Section 66.0602, or any successor thereto, for the next five fiscal years, in recognition that Section 66.0602 may be amended or renewed in the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve that a special referendum election shall be held on October 6, 2009, and that the following question, modified as necessary to conform to any directives from the Department of Revenue or changes in the law, be placed on the ballot as a binding special referendum question:

Under state law, the increase in the levy of the County of Green for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2010, is limited to 5.48%, which results in a levy of \$12,005,340. Shall the County of Green be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next five fiscal years, 2010 through 2014, by up to \$890,000 per year (which for 2010 equals an additional 7.82% for a total increase of 13.3%) which results in a levy of \$12,895,340 for 2010, which sum does not include exempt library services or other exemptions from the levy limit, for the exclusive purpose of paying for a portion of the cost of operating Pleasant View Nursing Home?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Green County Board of Supervisors supports an increase in the county tax levy to exceed the state levy limit for the next five years, 2010 through 2014 up to \$890,000 per year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Green County Board of Supervisors approves a fund transfer of up to \$20,000 from the General Fund to the County Clerk Election budget for the costs of the special referendum election.

**SIGNED: THE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:**

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Harvey Mandel, Chair

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Sue Disch, Vice-Chair

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Arthur Carter

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Al Benzschawel

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Dennis Everson

**Fiscal Note:** Would deplete the General Fund by up to \$20,000. If referendum is approved, would allow up to an additional \$890,000 in revenue for the 2010 budget to be used to defray the cost of Pleasant View Nursing Home. MJD

**Legal Note:** Approval of two-thirds of the entire membership of the County Board required when appropriating amounts not previously budgeted. Sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats. BDB

STATE OF WISCONSIN     )  
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COUNTY OF GREEN        )

I, Michael J. Doyle, County Clerk in and for said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution 8-2-09, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on August 25, 2009.

Dated at Monroe, Wisconsin, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009.

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Michael J. Doyle  
Green County Clerk